

House File 418 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 70)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to certain health-related professions by making
2 changes to licensure identification and display requirements
3 and professional title and abbreviation restrictions and
4 making penalties applicable.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 147.72, Code 2013, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **147.72 Professional titles and abbreviations.**

4 1. a. Any person licensed to practice a profession under
5 this subtitle may append to the person's name any recognized
6 title or abbreviation, which the person is entitled to use,
7 to designate the person's particular profession, but no other
8 person shall assume or use such title or abbreviation, and no
9 licensee shall advertise in such a manner as to lead the public
10 to believe that the licensee is engaged in the practice of any
11 other profession than the one which the licensee is licensed
12 to practice.

13 b. Any advertisement for services provided by a person
14 licensed to practice a profession under this subtitle shall
15 clearly identify the license held by the person advertising or
16 providing services, consistent with this subtitle.

17 2. A board shall require any person licensed to practice a
18 profession identified under section 147.74 to do the following
19 when directly engaging a member of the public in a health care
20 clinic or hospital in the practice of the person's profession:

21 a. Wear a form of identification consistent with rules
22 promulgated by the department in collaboration with each
23 applicable board, unless wearing identification creates a
24 safety or health risk, or in situations when the licensee is
25 voluntarily and gratuitously responding to a need for medical
26 care created by an emergency or a state or local disaster.
27 The rules shall establish uniform minimum standards for
28 identification. Minimum standards shall include prominent
29 display of the professional title and abbreviation of the
30 licensee as set forth in section 147.74.

31 b. If wearing identification creates a safety or health
32 risk, or in situations when the licensee is voluntarily and
33 gratuitously responding to a need for medical care created by
34 an emergency or a state or local disaster, the licensee shall
35 verbally disclose the license the licensee holds.

1 section 148.5.

2 The bill also authorizes an advanced registered nurse
3 practitioner to use the words "advanced registered nurse
4 practitioner" or the acronym "A.R.N.P.". Current law provides
5 that a person who fails to properly use the designations
6 specified in statute is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. A
7 simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
8 than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than \$625
9 or both.